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1. IN SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING WITH EMBOFFS, VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE GUILLERMO NUNEZ REACTED VERY POSITIVELY TO OUR PRESENTATION OF ARGUMENTS PROVIDED REFTEL B. NUNEZ AGREED THAT SALARY INCREASE OF IDB DIRECTORS SHOULD AT BEST BE NO GREATER THAN 11 PERCENT INCREASE RECENTLY GRANTED IBRD DIRECTORS. NUNEZ PROMISED ADVISE FINANCE MINISTER GARCIA PARRA OF OUR POSITION AND CONCERNS UPON THE MINISTER'S OCTOBER 2 RETURN TO BOGOTA FROM WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: PRIOR TO ABOVE MEETING, NUNEZ HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF IDB SALARY INCREASE PROPOSAL. WHILE NUNEZ'S REACTION MAY ACCURATELY REFLECT POSITION OF MINISTER GARCIA PARRA, COLOMBIA'S VOTE IN IDB IS COMBINED WITH THAT OF PERU (ALTHOUGH COLOMBIA'S VOTE IS LARGER). AS FOR 1978 PERU HOLDS COMBINED DIRECTOR'S SEAT AND GIVEN ACTIVE ROLE OF PERUVIAN DIRECTOR IN PREPARING 16.6 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE PROPOSAL, WE DUBIOUS THAT COLOMBIA WILL VOTE DIFFERENTLY FROM PERU.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE US OF RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS ON THIS
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